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LONG DISTANCE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised all the terms and conditions before introducing bidding for entry fee and licensing of operators in long distance services so that same mistake of the past are not repeated and bidding war once again started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) to (c): The Government has decided that there will be no restriction on the number of entrants in the National Long Distance Sector and hence the question of bidding for licensing of operators in the Long Distance Services does not arise.